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New Hampshire

for the
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:—William C. MacAdam

Town Clerk:—Herman C. Miller

Selectmen:—Frederick H. Thompson, George E. Kunhardt, Jr.,
Arnold K. Ellsworth

Treasurer:—Herman C. Miller

Tax Collector:—Eunice E. Patch

Board of Education:—Nina N. Abbott, Winifred Hoyt, Louis
Weiderhold

Auditors:—Division of Municipal Auditing, State Tax Com-
mission

Supervisors of Check List:—William A. Lord, R. Franklin
Mace, Eulah Hardwick

Road Agent:—Royal S. Cleaves

Overseer of the Poor:—Paul T. Bradbury

Trustees of Trust Funds:—Paul T. Bradbury, Norman Muzzey,
Harold A. Varnum

Library Trustees:—Henry B. Hill, Marie Muzzey, Priscilla H.
Kunhardt

Cemetery Commission:—Walter A. Creighton, William A. Lord,
Eunice E. Patch

Fire Wards:—Norman Stewart, Harold A. Varnum, Clifton F.
Foote, Walter A. Creighton, Paul T. Bradbury

Election Officers:—C. Gladys St. John, Shirley L. Jones, Gladys
C. Vadney

Board of Adjustment:—

Francis Abbott	Term expires 1961
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Edward Jones	Term expires 1962
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Paul T. Bradbury	Term expires 1963
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Clifton Foote	Term expires 1964
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Robert F. Caskie, Jr.	Term expires 1965
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Chief of Police:—Walter A. Creighton

Police:—Norman J. Stewart, Royal S. Cleaves, Paul T. Brad-
bury

Civil Defense Director:—Paul T. Bradbury

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the
County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote
in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Frances-town on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the budget as submitted by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finance the same as finally adopted.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future fire truck replacement, or take any action relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future highway equipment, or take any action relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for town buildings, or take any action relating thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future Civil Defense use, or take any action relating thereto.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust within the confines of the town.

8. To see if the Town will accept all Fire Trucks and related equipment now in custody of the Fire Department, as listed in an inventory as of March 1st, 1961, now in the hands of the Selectmen.

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept all funds now in the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to paint the Town Sheds.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of repairing the Turnpike Bridge by the property of Robert Caskie or rebuilding same with State Aid. And to see whether the town will vote to raise such sum of money through the issuance of Long Term Notes.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for plans and specifications for repairs and alterations to the Town Hall to house the Fire Department, and Town Officers, or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) to purchase a Model H 30 Payloader fully equipped with bucket, and snow plow with wing. Payment to be made by drawing three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment and borrowing fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) on Long Term notes to be retired at the rate of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to have the State of New Hampshire Municipal Auditing Division audit the Town books, or take any action relating thereto.

16. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and take action on same.

17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty one.

GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.

12A. To see what sum of money, not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00), the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of repairing, or repairing and altering, the town hall to house fire equipment, town offices, fire proof vault for town records, to install sanitary and heating facilities, and further to see whether the town will vote to raise said sum through the issuance of serial notes or bonds on the credit of the town, and authorize the Selectmen to determine the terms and conditions upon which the said serial notes or bonds shall be issued in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, Revised Laws Annotated, Chapter 33, and any amendments thereto.

ANNUAL MARCH MEETING

March 8, 1960

Art. 2—Amended budget as voted.	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,800 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00
Election & Registration Expenses	250 00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Buildings	750 00
Police Department	250 00
Fire Department	1,358 70
Insurance	1,600 00
Civil Defense	200 00
Vital Statistics	12 00
Town Dump	150 00
Town Maintenance—Summer Highway	8,500 00
Town Maintenance—Winter Highway	6,000 00
Street Lighting	700 00
General Expenses of Highway Department	750 00
Town Road Aid	1,001 41
Libraries	1,904 54
Town Poor	200 00
Old Age Assistance	850 00
Memorial Day & Veterans' As.	25 00
Cemeteries	500 00
Advertising & Regional As.	102 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	250 00

Art. 3—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future fire truck replacement.

Art. 4—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future highway equipment.

Art. 5—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Town Hall.

Art. 6—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve account for purchase of a new Cemetery.

Art. 7—Voted not to water proof cellar walls of Library.

Art. 8—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the removal of diseased or condemned trees, complying in so far as possible with Chapter 135 of the Acts of the General Court, 1959.

Art. 9—Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Committee of five (5) to review the Zoning Ordinance as amended and to enter a report to the Selectmen by Nov. 15.

Art. 10—Voted to require not less than two (2) bids from qualified parties for expenditures involving an amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or more; said bids as received to be posted in two public places in Francestown; the Selectmen to have the right to reject all bids and to select the best qualified bid; the Selectmen also to have the right to make expenditures outside the provisions of this Article in an emergency; the conditions of this article to be in force until rescinded.

Art. 11—Voted to indefinitely postpone this article concerning hour of business meeting.

Art. 12—Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 13—Voted to have the State of New Hampshire Municipal Auditing Division audit the Town books.

Art. 14—Voted to have the Selectmen appoint a committee to survey the subject in question in Art. 1 of the Advisory Committee and report to the Selectmen in sufficient time to have a hearing and get an article in the Town Warrant for the next annual Town Meeting.

Voted to have the weathervane on the Old Meeting house removed.

Voted to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen.

Art. 15—No business.

HERMAN C. MILLER

Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCELSTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961. Compared with Estimates and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1960 to December 31, 1960.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1960	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1960	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1961
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$6,595 65	\$5,658 89	\$5,000 00
Savings Bank Tax	36 94	33 66	35 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses:	175 00	178 31	175 00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	15 00	25 00	15 00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Buildings	100 00	159 00	100 00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	150 00	175 48	150 00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equipment		705 76	400 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,000 00	3,712 32	3,500 00
Sale of Town Property	100 00	25 00	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds		1,500 00	976 00
From Local Taxes other than			
Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Reg. at \$2.00	420 00	380 00	380 00
Yield Taxes	800 00	890 21	500 00
Total Revenues from All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$11,392 59	\$13,444 63	\$11,231 00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1960	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1960	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1961
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,800 00	\$1,758 31	\$1,800 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00	1,535 73	1,500 00
Election & Registration Exp.	250 00	227 75	75 00
Exp. Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	750 00	738 00	700 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	250 00	280 46	250 00
Fire Department	1,358 70	1,407 96	1,459 27
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	500 00		400 00
Insurance	1,600 00	1,735 71	1,750 00
Damages & Legal Expenses		357 00	25 00
Civil Defense	200 00		
Health:			
Vital Statistics	12 00	13 25	12 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	150 00	154 00	150 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	8,500 00	8,013 57	8,500 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	6,000 00	6,324 13	6,000 00
Street Lighting	700 00	744 12	740 00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	750 00	791 39	750 00
Town Road Aid	1,001 41	1,001 41	996 72
Libraries:	1,904 54	2,000 00	1,976 29
Public Welfare:			
Old Age Assistance	800 00	1,101 68	1,200 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet Assoc.	25 00	24 00	25 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	500 00	500 00	500 00
Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	102 00	102 00	102 00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1960	Actual Appropriations Previous Year 1959	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1961
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	250 00	368 34	300 00
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	28,903 65	29,179 61	29,211 28
County Taxes	5,531 74	5,531 74	5,531 74
School Taxes	29,011 37	25,114 91	30,790 87
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$63,446 76	\$59,826 26	\$65,533 89

TAX YEAR 1960 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	VALUATION
Lands and buildings	\$962,865
Mill property & machinery 2	1,550
Electric plants	60,000
Stock in trade 4	6,120
Boats and launches 1	300
Horses 18	1,425
Cows 154	13,005
Other neat stock 14	770
Sheep and goats 210	2,530
Fowls 3500	1,300
Gasoline pumps and tanks 5	750
Road building machinery 1	5,000
Wood and lumber	4,000

Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	\$1,060,415
Less: Veterans' exemptions 41	40,400.

Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed \$1,020,015

Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$40,400
Number of inventories distributed	390
Number of inventories returned	220
Number of veterans who received property exemption	41
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	50

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.

ARNOLD K. ELLSWORTH

Selectmen

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES TAX YEAR 1960 OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date Aug. 19, 1960

GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.

A. K. ELLSWORTH

Selectmen

Appropriations 1960		
Town officers' salaries		\$1,800 00
Town officers' expenses		1,500 00
Election & registration expenses		250 00
Town hall & buildings maintenance		750 00
Police department		250 00
Fire department		1,358 70
Blister rust, moth extermination & care of trees		500 00
Insurance		1,600 00
Civilian defense		200 00
Vital statistics		12 00
Town dump		150 00
Town road aid		1,001 41
Town maintenance, summer	\$8,500	
Town maintenance, winter	6,000	14,500 00
Street lighting		700 00
General expenses of Highway Dept.		750 00
Libraries		1,904 54
Old Age Assistance		800 00
Town poor		200 00
Memorial day		25 00
Cemeteries		500 00
Advertising & Regional As.		102 00
Payment on Debt: Interest		250 00
Capital Reserve fund to be raised by taxation		3,300 00
Total Town Appropriations		\$32,403 65
County Tax		5,531 74
School Tax		29,011 37

Total Town, County & School

Appropriations

\$66,946 76

Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits

Interest on Taxes

\$150 00

Interest & Dividends Tax

5,658 89

Savings Bank Tax	35 00	
Revenue from yield tax sources	800 00	
Dog licenses	175 00	
Business licenses & permits	15 00	
Rent of town property & equipment	100 00	
Motor vehicle permit fees	3,000 00	
Sale of tax deeded property	100 00	
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Revenues & credits		\$10,033 89
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		56,912 87
Plus overlay		619 97
Net amount to be raised by taxation		57,532 84
Less: No. 206 of poll taxes at \$2.00	412 00	
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Amount to be raised by property taxes		\$57,120 84
Taxes to be committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes		\$57,120 84
Poll Taxes at \$2.00		412 00
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Total Taxes to be committed		\$57,532 84
Tax Rate approved by Tax Comm. \$5.60		

EXHIBIT A-3 TOWN OF FRANCES TOWN

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1960

	Forwarded From 1959	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Assets	Forwarded To 1961 Liabilities
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,800 00			\$1,800 00	\$1,758 31	\$41 69			
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00		\$ 62	1,500 62	1,892 73		\$392 11		
Elections & Registration	250 00			250 00	227 75	22 25			
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	750 00			750 00	999 00	12 00		261 00	
Police Department	250 00			250 00	280 46		30 46		
Fire Department	1,358 70		20 36	1,379 06	1,407 96		28 90		
Blister Rust—Care of Trees	500 00			500 00		500 00			
Insurance	1,600 00			1,600 00	1,735 71		135 71		
Civil Defense	200 00			200 00		200 00			
Vital Statistics	12 00			12 00	13 25		1 25		
Town Dump	150 00			150 00	154 00		4 00		
Town Road Aid	1,001 41			1,001 41	1,001 41				
Town Maintenance—Summer	8,500 00		4,126 64	12,626 64	11,434 45	1,192 19			
Town Maintenance—Winter	6,000 00			6,000 00	6,324 13		347 23		\$23 10
Street Lighting	700 00			700 00	744 12		44 12		
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	750 00			754 00	791 39		41 39		
Libraries	1,904 54		95 46	2,000 00	2,000 00		301 68		
Old Age Assistance	800 00			800 00	1,101 68				
Public Relief	200 00			200 00		200 00			
Memorial Day	25 00			25 00	24 80				
Cemeteries	500 00			500 00	500 00				
Advertising & Regional As.				102 00	102 00				
Interest on Debt	250 00			250 00	368 34		118 34		
Capital Reserve Funds	3,300 00			3,300 00	3,300 00				
County Tax	5,531 74			5,531 74	5,531 74				

School Tax	\$16,114 91	29,011 37	45,126 28	25,114 91	130 07		20,011 37
Overlay—Abatements		619 97	619 97	489 90			
Yield Tax Deposits	140 00		140 00	140 00			
Penalty & Int. to Internal Revenue Service				12 94	12 94	715 00	
Library Toilet				715 00			
New Cemetery		1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00			
	<u>\$16,254 91</u>	<u>\$67,566 73</u>	<u>\$89,564 72</u>	<u>\$69,665 98</u>	<u>\$2,298 40</u>	<u>\$1,458 13</u>	<u>\$976 00</u>
							<u>\$20,034 47</u>

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF
FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1960**

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date Jan. 20, 1961

GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.
A. K. ELLSWORTH

Selectmen

H. C. MILLER

Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$20,179 87	
Tax Collector	883 68	
		\$21,063 55

Road equipment	\$2,055 00	
Fire Truck	500 00	
Town buildings	2,500 00	
Interest	606 62	
		\$5,661 62

Due from State:

Bounties	\$65 00	
From Capital Reserve Funds	976 00	
		\$1,041 00

Unredeemed taxes:

Levy of 1959	\$598 83	
Levy of 1958	396 08	
Levy of 1957	72 63	
Previous year 1956	6 08	
		\$1,073 62

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1960	\$6,544 95	
State Head Taxes, Levy of 1960	145 00	
		\$6,689 95

Grand Total

\$35,529 47

Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1959	\$7,110 29	
Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1960	\$9,080 16	
Increase of Surplus	\$1,969 87	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding withholding tax		
Int. Rev. Service	23	10
Due to State:		
State Head Taxes—1960		
Uncollected	\$145	00
Collected, not remitted to		
State Treasurer	295	50
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		\$440 50
Yield Tax, Bond & Debt Retirement		
Uncollected	\$102	23
Collected, not remitted to State		
Treasurer	210	76
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		312 99
Due to School Districts	\$20,016	37
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		\$20,787 96
Capital Reserve Funds		5,661 62
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Total Liabilities		\$26,449 58
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)		9,080 16
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Grand Total		\$35,529 74

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION:	VALUE
Town Hall, land and buildings	\$26,000
Furniture and equipment	500
Libraries, land and buildings	10,000
Furniture and equipment	4,000
Fire Department, land and buildings	3,500
Equipment	6,000
Highway Department, land and buildings	4 000
Equipment	5,000
Materials and supplies	200
Town Dump	100
10A New land for Cemetery	1,500
Schools, lands and buildings	20,200
Equipment	3,500
200A Robie land	800
1A Curtis place	50
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Total	\$85,350

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
1960

Auto permits	373 issued		\$3,713 32
Dog licenses:	70 male & spayed	\$140 00	
	11 Female	54 51	
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		\$194 51	
Paid out: Com. on 81 dogs		16 20	
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			\$178 31
Filing Fees			10 00
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Total Receipts			\$3,901 63

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

EXHIBIT C-1 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Summary of Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1960

DR.	1960	Levies of: 1959	1958	1957
Uncollected Taxes—Dec. 31, 1959:				
Property Taxes		\$6,517 42		\$63 44
Poll Taxes		88 00	4 00	
Yield Taxes		809 71		
Taxes Committed to Collector:				
Property Taxes	\$57,176 84			
Poll Taxes	412 00			
Yield Taxes	1,068 25			
Added Taxes:				
Property Taxes	44 80	36 40		
Interest Collected	4 10	140 69		17 20
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	\$58,705 99	\$7,592 22	\$4 00	\$80 64
CR.				
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Property Taxes	\$51,048 62	\$6,044 90		\$63 44
Poll Taxes	380 00	22 00		
Yield Taxes		794 37		
Interest	4 10	140 69		17 20
Abatements:				
Property Taxes	119 00	302 90		
Poll Taxes	14 00	24 00	4 00	
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1960:				
Property Taxes	140 46	206 02		
Yield Taxes	454 86	15 34		
Poll Taxes		42 00		
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1960:				
Property Taxes	5,883 56			
Poll Taxes	48 00			
Yield Taxes	613 39			
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	\$58,705 99	\$7,592 22	\$4 00	\$80 64

EXHIBIT C-3
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of State Head Tax Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1960

DR.	Levies of:		
	1960	1959	1958
Uncollected Head Taxes, Dec. 31, 1959		\$250 00	\$10 00
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	1,300 00		
Penalties Collected	50	18 00	
	<u>\$1,300 50</u>	<u>\$268 00</u>	<u>\$10 00</u>
CR.			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head Taxes	\$1,085 00	\$180 00	
Penalties	50	18 00	
Abatements	50 00	65 00	10 00
Uncollected Head Taxes, Dec. 31, 1960	145 00		
	<u>\$1,280 50</u>	<u>\$263 00</u>	<u>\$10 00</u>
Cash on Hand	20 00	5 00	
	<u>\$1,300 50</u>	<u>\$268 00</u>	<u>\$10 00</u>

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of Tax Sale Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1960

DR.	Levies of:		
	1959	1958	1957
Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1959		\$547 25	\$72 63
Tax Sale of June 18, 1960	598 83		\$6 08
Interest & Costs After Sale		13 49	
	<u>\$598 83</u>	<u>\$560 74</u>	<u>\$72 63</u>
CR.			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions		\$151 17	
Interest & Costs		13 49	
Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1960	598 83	396 08	72 63
	<u>\$598 83</u>	<u>\$560 74</u>	<u>\$72 63</u>
			<u>\$6 08</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance in treas. Jan. 1, 1960	\$16,818 35
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Eunice E. Patch, Tax Collector:

1958 Property tax	\$66 04	
1958 Interest	14 60	
1958 Tax sales redeemed	151 17	
1958 Int. & cost after sale	13 49	
		\$245 30

1959 Poll tax	\$22 00	
1959 Property tax	6,044 90	
1959 Interest	140 69	
1959 Head tax & penalties	198 00	
1959 Yield taxes	794 37	
		\$7,199 96

1960 Poll tax	380 00	
1960 Property tax	51,048 62	
1960 Interest	4 10	
1960 Head tax & penalties	1,085 50	
		\$52,518 22

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

Auto permits	\$3,713 32	
Dog taxes	178 31	
Filing fees	10 00	
		\$3,901 63

Loans:

Souhegan National Bank (short term)	\$20,000 00
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Rentals:

Town Hall rent	\$159 00	
Town equipment	275 00	
		\$434 00

State Treasurer:

Porcupine Bounties	\$7 00	
Forest Fire bill	20 36	
Class V Highways	3,420 88	
Int. & Div. Tax	5,658 89	
Savings Bank Tax	33 66	
		\$9,140 79

Unclassified:

Selectmen, pistol permits	\$3 00	
Building permits	12 00	
Selectmen, void check No. 1354	62	
Harold B. Wilson, Cemetery Lot	25 00	
Anthony J. Ferreira, gravel	35 00	
Louis Wiederhold, gravel	9 00	
Trustees of Tr. Fds., Cap. res. Fund		
Cemetery	1,500 00	
Harold A. Varnum, culvert	56 00	
Seaward Constr. Co., dynamite & caps	6 78	

Robert Caskie Sr., gravel	26 25	
Ella F. Hutchinson, gravel	6 25	
Wilfred W. Stone, dynamite	4 40	
Norman C. Muzzey, work on driveway	126 00	
Stanley A. Rainey, asphalt	75 00	
Royal S. Cleaves, asphalt & sand	32 70	
Library Trustees, refund overpayment	95 46	
O. E. Starrett, for driveway repairs	36 00	
George M. Foster, asphalt	17 38	
	<hr/>	\$2,066 84
Total Receipts		\$112,325 09
Total Payments		<hr/> 92,145 22
Balance in treasury, Dec. 31, 1960		<hr/> \$20,179 87

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER

Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SELECTMEN

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property taxes, 1960	\$51,048 62	
Poll taxes, 1960	380 00	
State Head Taxes at \$5.00, 1960	1,085 00	
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Total current year's taxes collected and remitted		\$52,513 62
Property taxes & yield taxes, previous years		6,902 71
Poll taxes, previous years		22 00
State Head Taxes at \$5, previous years		180 00
Interest received on taxes		175 48
Penalties on State Head taxes		18 50
Tax sales redeemed		151 17

From State:		
For Class V Highway maintenance	3,420	88
Interest and dividends tax	5,658	89
Savings Bank tax & bldg & loan as. tax	33	66
Fighting forest fires	20	36
Bounties	7	00
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses	178	31
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	25	00
Rent of town property	159	00
Income from departments:		
State	\$261	00
	444	76
		705 76
Registration of motor vehicles	3,713	32
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$73,885 66
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$20,000	00
Refunds:		
Library	\$95	46
T.O.X.	62	
		96 08
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Funds	1,500	00
Sale of town property, Cemetery lot	25	00
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		\$21,621 08
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$95,506 74
Cash on hand January 1, 1960		16,818 35
Grand Total		\$112,325 09

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$1,758	31
Town officers' expenses	1,892	73
Election & registration expenses	227	75
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	999	00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department	280	46
Fire department, including forest fires	1,407	96
Insurance	1,735	71
Bounties	65	50

Health:		
Vital statistics	13	25
Town dump	154	00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	1,001	41
Town Maintenance:		
Summer	\$11,434	45
Winter	6,324	13
	<hr/>	17,758 58
Street lighting		744 12
General expenses of highway dept.		791 39
Library		2,000 00
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		1101 68
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial day		24 80
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		500 00
Unclassified:		
Penalty & Interest, Int. Rev. Service		12 94
Advertising & Regional As.		102 00
Taxes bought by town		598 93
Discounts, abatements & refunds		327 45
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$33,497 97
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		368 34
Outlay for New Construction, Equip. and Permanent Improvements:		
Lands & buildings, & other		2,215 00
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		20,000 00
Payments to capital reserve funds		3,300 00
Payments to Other Gov. Divis.:		
State Head taxes paid State. Treas.		1,761 48
Payment to State a/c yield tax debt retirement		355 78
Taxes paid to County		5,531 74
Payments to School Districts		25,114 91
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$92,145 22
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1960		20,179 87
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Grand Total		\$112,325 09

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES:

Frederick H. Thompson, selectman	\$270 00	
George E. Kunhardt, Jr., selectman	270 00	
Arnold K. Ellsworth, selectman	270 00	
Herman C. Miller, treasurer's salary	150 00	
Herman C. Miller, auto permits	186 50	
Eunice E. Patch, tax collector	575 81	
	<hr/>	\$1,722 31

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES:

Town Clerk Association	\$3 00	
Association of N. H., Assessors	3 00	
Tax Collector's Association	3 00	
Herman C. Miller, supplies & postage	34 88	
Tiffany & Osborne, legal expenses	337 51	
Trustees of Trust Funds, box rent	7 15	
Donat Corriveau, register	9 72	
Arnold Ellsworth	12 00	
Fred Thompson, postage, etc.	10 75	
Transcript Printing Co., 525 reports and inventory	608 40	
Stuart F. Clark, bonds	127 90	
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	7 18	
Catherine Sage, legal expenses	20 00	
Div. of Municipal Acct., audit	153 90	
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	47 06	
E. E. Patch, expenses	56 22	
Branham Publishing Co.	7 00	
F. H. Colburn & Co., rent	360 00	
Marshall M. Moyer, survey	60 78	
Roger Clark, box rent & postage	30 15	
	<hr/>	\$1,899 60

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

Gunner Printing Co., town ballots	\$11 75	
Transcript Printing Co., notice of checklist	3 00	
R. Franklin Mace, supervisor, 1959	10 00	
William Lord, supervisor	30 00	
Eulah Hardwick, supervisor	30 00	
R. Franklin Mace, supervisor	30 00	
William C. MacAdam, moderator	18 00	
Gladys Vadney, ballot clerk	20 00	
Thomas Woodworth, ballot clerk	20 00	
C. Gladys St. John, ballot clerk, 1959	15 00	
C. Galdys St. John, ballot clerk	20 00	
Shirley L. Jones, ballot clerk	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 75

TOWN HALL & OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS:		
Francestown Water & Electric	\$30 00	
Public Service Co.	81 40	
J. B. Vallaincourt	13 50	
Howard Clock Products	44 25	
J. Curran, care of clock	25 00	
O. Harwood, repairs	17 50	
F. H. Colburn Co., supplies	4 15	
I. H. Vadney, supplies	70	
Ernest Foote, sawing wood	19 25	
Alan Eddy, lawn mowing	77 25	
Gladys Vadney, custodian	50 00	
O. W. Therrien Co., repairs to weather- vane	375 00	
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		\$738 00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:		
State of N. H.		\$1,101 68
MEMORIAL DAY:		
J. J. Moreau Co., flags		\$24 80
CEMETERIES:		
Cemetery Commission		\$500 00
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION:		
Monadnock Region Association		\$102 00
POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Walter Creighton	\$155 75	
Norman Stewart	60 66	
R. S. Cleaves	34 50	
W. S. Darley Co., supplies	24 55	
Ruth Woodworth, road signs	5 00	
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		\$280 46
INSURANCE:		
Stuart F. Clark, premiums		\$1,735 71
BOUNTIES:		
F. H. Thompson	\$7 00	
A. K. Ellsworth	58 50	
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		\$65 50
VITAL STATISTICS:		
Herman C. Miller		\$13 25
LIBRARY		
Town Appropriation		\$1,904 54
TOWN DUMP:		
O. Harwood, bulldozer	\$104 00	
H. Varnum, bulldozer	50 00	
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		\$154 00

STREET LIGHTING:		
Public Service Co.		\$744 12

INTEREST:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$368 34

WINTER HIGHWAYS:		
LABOR:		
R. S. Cleaves, Agent	\$346 50	
R. Hoyt, Grader	649 65	
C. Foote, Grader	468 68	
C. Champagne	544 63	
R. Bennett	107 51	
H. Varnum, Grader	504 25	
C. Hardwick	9 00	
I. H. Vadney, Jr.	4 05	
N. Stewart	28 13	
Leo St. John	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,672 40

TRUCKS:		
R. S. Cleaves	\$1,066 00	
R. Hoyt	16 00	
R. Bennett	5 00	
N. Stewart	4 00	
F. Cornwell, shovel & trucks	755 50	
Hob & Nob Farm	30 00	
F. Abbott	65 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,941 50

DRIVEWAY PLOWING:		
O. P. Harwood	\$210 00	
G. Foster	55 00	
R. Caskie	120 00	
G. Kunhardt	135 00	
R. Cilley	56 00	
N. Muzzey	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$598 50

REPAIRS:		
Mingolla Mchy.	\$29 51	
C. H. Cragin	25 16	
J. Thompson, welding	117 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 67

SUPPLIES:		
I. H. Vadney, gas	\$46 67	
Sanell Equipment Co.	223 89	
J. J. Moreau	3 92	
Ray Road Equipment	100 66	
B. H. Dodge	3 99	
	<hr/>	\$379 13

MISCELLANEOUS:

Russell Oil Co., fuel	182 73	
Merrimack, salt	384 00	
F. Abbott, sand	6 90	
	<hr/>	\$573 63
Total		<hr/> \$6,276 83

SUMMER HIGHWAY, INCLUDING STATE MAINTENANCE:

LABOR:

R. Cleaves, Agent	\$848 20	
C. Foote, Grader	1,674 78	
C. Champagne	889 27	
R. Bennett	243 75	
T. Curran	209 38	
R. Cutter, Jr.	298 98	
Leo St. John	15 00	
William Cole	36 25	
Carl Swenson	2 50	
George Foster	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,233 11

TRUCKS:

R. Cleaves	\$820 38	
R. Bennett	53 00	
F. Cornwell, shovel & truck	2,348 85	
Edward Elliott	198 00	
William Cole	5 00	
Clyde Eaton	\$32 90	
Joe Thompson, winch	38 00	
Varnum Bros., dozer	458 00	
G. Kunhardt, tractor	26 25	
F. Abbott, tractor	26 25	
T. E. Bixby, tractor	55 00	
Yeaton & Maine	21 20	
Chase Tree Service, chipper	39 20	
Daniels Garage, compressor	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,222 03

MATERIALS:

Trimount Bituminous Co.	\$1,318 39	
William Cole, gravel	113 00	
F. Abbott, gravel	63 20	
C. Abbott, gravel	20 00	
Merrimack, cement	9 44	
Merrimack, calcium	115 44	
	<hr/>	\$1,639 47

REPAIRS:		
C. H. Cragin	\$1 50	
Bennington Garage	16 93	
Mingolla Machy.	69 15	
R. C. Hazelton	3 20	
	<hr/>	\$90 78
SUPPLIES:		
Ray Road Equipment, signs	\$50 80	
I. H. Vadney, Jr.	45 05	
Allen Steel Co.	76 98	
U. S. Petroleum, grease	148 50	
Alloy Industries, blades	97 00	
F. H. Colburn	21 13	
B. H. Dodge	3 00	
Derby's, tools	19 17	
G. Kunhardt, dynamite	12 00	
N. H. Explosives, caps	11 13	
Stans' Paint	14 80	
R. Cleaves, phone & mileage	33 10	
	<hr/>	\$532 66
CULVERTS:		
Ray Road Equipment	\$491 40	
R. C. Hazelton	631 68	
Jones Express	18 48	
	<hr/>	\$1,141 56
FUEL:		
Walt's Cities Service	\$2 42	
Russell Oil Co.	74 29	
Daniels Garage	108 20	
	<hr/>	\$184 91
Total		<hr/> \$12,044 52
GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY DEPT.:		
S. Livingston, planks	\$297 93	
R. C. Hazelton, culverts	463 85	
Ray Road Equipment, sign	29 61	
	<hr/>	\$791 39

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

The road program as a whole this year was centered mostly on betterment projects, or major improvements work.

There was a total of 14 of these jobs done in all sections of the town. Most of the work involved widening out high bank areas for better drainage and easier snow removal. 23 new culverts were installed, plus 5 extensions.

Town Road Aid money went into the Middle Francestown-New Boston road from the turnpike to the New Boston line. This was an inexpensive piece of road to build and left about \$2,000 balance. This money will go towards next year's work, but it must be spent before July 1st.

TURNPIKE BRIDGE

As most of you know high water has been undermining this bridge for quite a few years. Last spring about 8 feet of the retaining wall of one abutment fell into the river, also moving the corner stones of the abutment about 6 inches. These stones could collapse anytime, due to vibration or further water damage, with the result that about one third of the bridge would sag on one side.

The bridge can be repaired. We would still have an old narrow bridge inadequate for today's traffic. I think it's imperative that the town take definite action on this matter.

The Gas Tax money was spent on the ball field road for permanent improvement to a point below Underhills; 1961 money should take it down to Pratts. Part of the appropriation also went on the mountain road at Hob-Nob and on Carl Abbott's road.

Again, many thanks to everyone for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ROYAL S. CLEAVES, JR.

TRUST FUNDS

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF TOWN OF FRANCETOWN ON DECEMBER 31, 1960

No. of Shares Or Other Units	HOW INVESTED Description of Investment (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds, etc.)	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
		Balance Beginning Year	New Fund Withdrawn Year	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Balance End Year
Savings Bank	Co-Mingled Fund "A"	\$5,725 00		\$5,725 00	\$874 98	\$266 58	\$119 31
Savings Bank	Co-Mingled Fund "B"	3,609 28		3,609 28	654 64	169 68	74 89
Savings Bank	Levi Woodbury Fund	1,000 00		1,000 00	14 49	18 08	74 55
Savings Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	3,235 00	\$3,300 00	\$1,500 00	459 42	137 28	32 66
Savings Bank	George F. Perlee Fund	200 00		200 00	24 57	18 88	10 00
Savings Bank	Vose and Blake Fund	450 00		450 00	99 22	19 30	30 00
Savings Bank	Minnie P. Newton Fund	100 00		100 00	10 82	4 38	5 00
Savings Bank	N. and N. Pearson Fund	300 00		300 00	18 74	8 64	10 00
Savings Bank	Abbott and Bryant Fund	200 00		200 00	29 32	12 97	19 00
Savings Bank	Morrill-Gormin-Desroches Fund	500 00		500 00	16 00	20 47	15 00
Savings Bank	Hall and McKinley Fund	100 00		100 00	5 10	4 19	9 29
Savings Bank	George H. Bixby Library Fund	*1,025 00		1,025 00		49 51	39 26
Savings Bank	George H. Bixby Library Fund	*1,500 00		1,500 00			10 25
Co-Op Bank	*All Interest Paid Directly to Library Trustees—Trustees of Trust Funds, Custodians of Principal Only						

Capital Reserve Funds	New Funds Created	Previous Totals	Expended On Hand
Cemetery	\$500 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,500 00
Road Equipment	1,000 00	1,055 00	2,055 00
Fire Trucks	300 00	200 00	500 00
Town Buildings—Town Hall Only	1,500 00	1,000 00	2,500 00
Total Accum. Interest			606 62

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HAROLD VARNUM
NORMAN MUZZEY
PAUL BRADBURY, Trustees

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

January 19, 1961

Board of Selectmen
Francestown, New Hampshire
Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Cemetery Commission, Fire Department and Trustees of Trust Funds.

Financial Statements

Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1959—Dec. 31, 1960:
(Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1959 and December 31, 1960, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Surplus increased by \$1,969.87 during the year 1960.
Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Increase in Surplus	
Net Budget Surplus	\$1,969 97
Decrease in Surplus	
Excess in Amount of Tax Sale Check	10
Net Increase	<hr/> \$1,969 87

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 & A-4).

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$1,129.70, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$840.27, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$1,969.97.

Summary Statement of Receipts and Expenditures:
(Exhibit B-1)

A summary statement of receipts and expenditures for the

fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1960, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

Audit Procedure

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records. The amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are therefore subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

General Comments

Current Surplus:

The current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) increased from \$7,110.29 to \$9,080.16 during 1960, as shown herewith. Inasmuch as there were no outstanding long term notes or bonds as of December 31, 1960, the Surplus of \$9,080.16, as indicated in the Balance Sheet (Exhibit A-1) was entirely current surplus.

	Dec. 31, '59	Dec. 31, '60
Total Assets	\$28,917 80	\$35,529 74
Current Liabilities	21,807 51	26,449 58
Current Surplus	\$7,110 29	\$9,080 16

Selectmen's Records:

The Selectmen's record book, in which all expenditures are entered according to their proper classification, should be kept up to date at all times. Inasmuch as this serves the purpose of an appropriation ledger it is very essential that the classification columns, as well as the total column, be totaled at the close of each month. It is only by so doing that a comparison may be made between expenditures and budgetary appropriations.

Licenses to Carry Pistols and Revolvers:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 100, Laws of 1959, a charge of \$2.00 should be made for licenses to carry pistols and revolvers for a two year period.

Tax Collector's Records:

All tax collections should be entered in the Cash Book when received. The date and amount of each collection item should be shown in both the Cash Book and Warrant Book.

Conclusion :

The provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, require that the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) of this report shall be published in the next annual report of the Town.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Frances-town for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

NORVAL D. LESSELS, Auditor

HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Frances-town for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1960, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

NORVAL D. LESSELS, Auditor

HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

January 19, 1961

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

The committee was given \$500, besides \$268 Trust Funds.

We had intended to use the final \$100 for mulching this fall but unfortunately the only machine available broke down and was not repaired until too late. We must find some other way to remove the leaves; at present it takes over \$300 to do the job. We are going to try to burn those in front.

We must start work on the new cemetery this year. There are only 10 lots left and these are in the back. We would suggest clearing about one hundred lots and cutting off the wood.

We worked on 10 old lots and the first eight rows are in good shape.

FRANCESTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

EXHIBIT H
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Cemetery Commission
Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1960

Balance, Dec. 31, 1959	\$4 99	
Receipts During Year:		
Town Appropriation	\$500 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	268 00	
Miscellaneous	5 16	
	<hr/> 773 16	
		\$778 15
Expenditures During Year:		
Public Service Co.	22 20	
Rakes	13 52	
Perpetual Care	268 00	
Raking	348 00	
Petty Cash	24 31	
	<hr/> \$676 03	
Balance, December 31, 1960		\$102 12
Proof of Balance		
Balance in the Souhegan National Bank		
Per Statement Dec. 14, 1960	\$127 12	
Less: Outstanding Check No. 68	25 00	
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Reconciled Balance, Dec. 31, 1960		\$102 12

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1960

During National Library Week in April, both Vadney's and Clark's stores kindly loaned space in their windows for displays to publicize the Library and its activities, and Mrs. Robert Caskie made posters for the occasion.

The Library was open every day of this Week. Some of the special activities taking place were: an evening of recorded music, a morning story hour for pre-school children conducted by Mrs. Weiderhold, and an afternoon film strip on Emerson.

In the Historical Rooms, Mrs. Eggert displayed a large collection of dolls loaned by many persons. There were also lovely toleware pieces displayed by the Tuesday morning painting class of Mrs. Ruth Douglass.

Other displays consisted of book reports with decorative covers by Mrs. Geel's classes, book covers and research papers on New Hampshire by Mrs. Rainey's classes, and electrical displays and exhibits showing natural resources by Mr. Bean's classes.

Family hobbies were shown by the Frank Jones family and the Oliver family, the former being a display of photography with each member writing a description and telling what phase interested him; and the latter being an extensive stamp collection.

It was during this week that the Library was presented with an outstanding collection of recorded music of the masters by Dr. William B. Rice. The Library is very grateful to Dr. Rice for giving so much superb music to be shared.

We now have a fine table model record player as well, due to the generous gift of Mr. Henry Hill.

Folding screens were given by Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Sally Foster which will give much needed display space.

You may enjoy snap shots of some of these Library events on our new bulletin board in the hall.

In June a public meeting was held to discuss the possibilities of a Library wing thus providing a larger children's room, space for displays, a study area, and a music room for our growing record collection on the first floor. The basement room being for meetings, film showing, and creative activities. It was decided, instead of undertaking a major fund drive, to go ahead working in small ways and to establish a Building and Special Activities Fund for this purpose.

In June some children held a toy sale producing \$6.75. In July Mrs. William Lord had a garden plant sale earning \$30.25. Later in August some village children presented a circus at the Oldenbrooks' and added \$3.00 to the fund.

The Village Improvement Society generously gave the "doll" money from the Labor Day celebration.

This fall two story hours were held for pre-school children, one being under the direction of Mrs. Donald Graves.

In December the Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. William Lord as Librarian after 17 years of devoted service. We are deeply appreciative for all that she has done.

The attic is being cleaned and some of the older books are being stored on the new shelves there.

The major repairs have consisted of putting a new ceiling in the hall and fixing the one in the rest room, also installing three dampers upstairs. The sink was removed from the closet in the children's room and book shelves were built there.

The floors throughout the building need painting, and the rest room needs paint and paper.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY B. HILL
MARIE E. MUZZEY
PRISCILLA H. KUNHARDT

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Budget—Town Account

	1960	1961
	Expenditures	Budget
Salaries	\$600 00	\$600 00
Grounds & janitor	76 75	80 00
Cleaning	79 13	85 00
Fuel	210 29	250 00
Magazines	68 50	75 00
Books	600 00	600 00
Supplies and petty cash	37 05	50 00
New equipment and repairs	212 16	250 00
Lights	57 81	70 00
Bank charges	9 60	10 00
Clerical assistance	20 00	20 00
Records	5 00	10 00
	<hr/> \$1,976 29	<hr/> \$2,100 00

Financial Report, 1960

Receipts:	
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1960	\$95 46
Town appropriation	1,904 54
Total	<hr/> \$2,000 00
Expenditures:	
Town account expenditures	\$1,976 29
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1960	23 71
Total	<hr/> \$2,000 00

Trust Funds and Other Income Accounts

Receipts:	
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1960	\$213 04
Manning and Clark Fund	39 26
A. B. Hill Fund	48 74
Fines	35 60
Village Improvement Soc. "Doll Money"	75 80
Village Improvement Soc. "Children's activities"	100 00
Gift for Books	63 00
	<hr/> \$575 44
Expenditures:	
Books	\$392 81
Magazines	17 00
Records	3 50
Children's activities	29 59

Bank charges	4 45
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1960	128 09
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	\$575 44

Respectfully submitted,
 HENRY B. HILL
 MARIE E. MUZZEY
 PRISCILLA H. KUNHARDT

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN, 1960

Circulation of books and magazines:	
Fiction	2,056
Non-fiction	2,177
Juvenile	3,510
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Total books	7,743
Magazines	1,346
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Total circulation	9,089

Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Girl, American Home, Antiques, Audubon, Better Homes and Gardens, Current History, Good Housekeeping, Horn Book, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, McCall's, National Geographic, Natural History, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Reader's Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Time, Yankee.

Gift subscriptions:

Our Dumb Animals—Mrs. Harvey Packer; New Hampshire Profiles—Mrs. Lucy Andolina.

Other magazines and books have been given by the following: Miss Eunice Patch, Mrs. Lucy Andolina, Robert Caskie, Mrs. Sally Foster, Chip Bailey, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Kershaw, Mrs. Dolly Bailey, Mrs. Erna Ludwig, Lester Foote, Mrs. Lucia Wright, Donn Purvis, Mrs. Beth Peterson, Dr. R. S. Williams, Mrs. W. R. Hamel, Misses Isabella and Olive Hirst, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Henry B. Hill, Mrs. Catherine Hickey, Mrs. E. F. Steffian, Alfred Gray, Oscar Starrett, Mrs. Betty Jones.

From the Bookmobile we borrowed 247 books; from the State and other libraries, 214. Music records were borrowed to the tune of 37.

As usual there have been many gifts:

Korean and Arab dolls by Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald (whose son is head of Korean Affairs in Washington); a soapstone stove by Walter Carr; a soapstone flatiron by Mrs. C. W. Dodge a stool for the children by Mrs. Betty Eggert; a pair of doll

slippers by Mrs. Catherine Hickey, the slippers made by Mrs. Abraham Lincoln's shoemaker like those that she wore; a bust of Robert Browning and a box of University Prints by George E. B. Hill of California (son of Mrs. Alison B. Hill who gave our library building to the town.) Foreign dolls are lent by Ellen Kershaw and Sandy Caskie.

Mrs. Ann Eustis gave \$10; Mrs. W. R. Hamel and Francis E. Park, Jr., each gave \$5; \$30 came from a Friend. There were also many extra contributions from children and adults to the fine account which you may have noticed is much larger than usual.

With the \$100 given by the Improvement Society for children's activities we bought a mineral light and two terrariums.

Throughout the year there have been special exhibits. The 4-H group and the boys who went to the Conservation Camp in June (Clyde Cilley and Ken Wheeler, sponsored by the P.T.A. and the Improvement Society) displayed interesting educational material. For Labor Day we had paintings by Mrs. Ruth Woodworth, Mrs. Peggy Doyle, Mrs. Susan Wason and Miss Evelyn Souckup. The Craft Class also displayed their painted wares in the Historical Rooms. The building was open to the public after the parade as usual. The school children with the stimulus and cooperation of their teachers provided several exhibits of their art work, science and book reports besides those arranged for Library Week.

The annual N. H. L. A. meeting at Winchester in May was attended by the Librarian who also went with our Trustees to the annual trustee meeting in Concord.

Judge Whitcomb and two other trustees from Ashland, N. H., made a special visit to this Library in June to see what we are doing and why.

Mr. Eugene Struckhoff, Executive-Secretary of a charitable trust fund also came to take note of our needs with the idea that if this town shows enough interest in expanding the usefulness of our Library we may be able to receive some substantial financial assistance. He was much interested, as other educators have been, in our attempts to do something constructive for the entire community.

Debby Stewart is this year's paid assistant, and the school children as usual help with the work of charging out books on Wednesdays. Their interest and faithfulness is much appreciated. During the absence of the Librarian in the fall Mrs. Betty Eggert and her daughters Cheryl and Linda gave their services which were very efficiently rendered.

Our most recent adventure in international relations occurred in December when Miss Momoko Ishii sent a Christmas letter from Tokyo saying that Bob and Mary Morgan (formerly of this town) had recently called on her; she was tremendously pleased. The school children here signed their names to a return letter and Mrs. Geel's primary children made individual greet-

ing cards which were sent to Miss Ishii. For our Library Week celebration in April Miss Ishii made and sent "to the children of Francetown" a paper doll arrangement of the typical Japanese Doll Festival which is always held there on March 3.

To the children and their teachers, to the Trustees, and to all others who have helped to make the Library increasingly useful to the community I am very grateful. These have been stimulating years to one person at least, years of problems and challenge, with many opportunities for my successors to accomplish even more.

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLINE M. LORD
Librarian

REPORT OF THE FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1960

Board of Selectmen
Francetown, N. H.

We hereby submit our report and financial statement for 1960 together with our budget for 1961.

As anticipated in our 1959 report we were able to acquire "Foam"—one more item which increases our fire fighting capability.

A new and much needed water hole has been dug in the North end of the Town which materially adds to the protection of that area.

Again as in the past years the Volunteer Fire Department has contributed from their funds to assist in the purchase of needed equipment. It is our plan during 1961 to acquire a portable generator and the Volunteer Department has already signified their intention of paying one-half of the cost.

It is to be noted that due to the accomplishments and ability of the Department that during 1960 the Fire Underwriters have extended the low rate one mile area to the two mile limit.

We continue our membership in the Southwestern N. H. Mutual Fire Aid Association for greater protection and ready assistance at major fires.

We are still obliged to de-commission one "tanker" as freezing weather arrives each Fall and hope that careful thought and attention will be given to the report of the Advisory Committee.

We call attention to our 1961 budget which is slightly higher than 1960 as we find it necessary to start a replacement program of our 2½" hose, a large percentage of which is reaching the twenty year obsolescent stage.

HAROLD VARNUM
CLIFTON FOOTE
WALTER CREIGHTON
NORMAN STEWART
PAUL BRADBURY

Fire Wards

YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT NEVER TAKES A
VACATION.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT 1960

Balance on hand 1/1/60		\$131 30
Income:		
Town Appropriation	\$1,308 70	
Phone Booth Commission	15 17	
Re-imbursement (Town)	8 00	
		\$1,331 87
		\$1,463 17
Expenditures:		
Red Phone System	\$275 85	
Fuel	208 64	
Gasoline, oil, repairs	105 03	
Power	119 91	
Foam	119 00	
Water Hole (New)	106 35	
Supplies	87 42	
Labor	50 00	
Federal Surplus Purchases	16 85	
Repairs & Cleaning Heater	23 08	
Red Phone Attendance	75 00	
State Inspection (Trucks)	4 00	
Stamps & Stationery	9 14	
Bank Service Charge	9 99	
Petty Cash	1 00	
Assoc. Dues & Publications	27 00	
Equipment	58 40	
		\$1,297 44
Reserve:		
Materials purchased not received	\$108 00	
Unexpended Balance	57 73	
		\$165 73
		\$1,463 17

HAROLD A. VARNUM
 WALTER CREIGHTON
 NORMAN STEWART
 CLIFTON FOOTE
 PAUL T. BRADBURY

Fire Wards

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET 1961

	Budget 1960	Expended 1960	Budget 1961
Power	\$125 00	\$119 91	\$125 00
Red Phones	290 00	275 85	280 00
Red Phone attendance	75 00	75 00	75 00
Heat	140 00	208 64	200 00
Material and supplies	400 00	264 00	300 00
Hose Replacement			225 00
Water Holes	100 00	106 35	100 00
Repairs to Apparatus	75 00	105 03	85 00
Stamps & Stationery, etc.	5 00	9 14	7 00
Bank Service Charges	10 00	9 99	10 00
Association Dues, Fire School etc.	60 00	27 00	50 00
Federal Surplus Purchases		16 85	
Labor	50 00	50 00	50 00
Repairs to Heater		23 08	20 00
			<hr/> \$1,517 00
Less Unexpended Balance			57 73
			<hr/> \$1,459 27

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1960

Board of Selectmen:
Francestown, N. H.

I hereby submit the financial report of the Committee for the year 1960.

All funds still remain in the Savings Department of the Merchants Bank of Manchester, N. H.

Book No. 58578.

Balance on hand 1/1/60	\$267 62
Interest earned & credited for '60	10 33

Balance on hand 12/31/60	\$277 95
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PAUL T. BRADBURY
Treasurer

Births Registered in the Town of Franchestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1960

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No. Child		Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother	Color	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			Sex	Cond.						
1960										
Feb. 13	Peterborough	Warren H. Kiblin	M	L	3 Howard D. Kiblin	Eleanor L. Hoyt	W	Laborer	Deering	Bennington
April 24	Goffstown	Arlene S. Colburn	F	L	1 Charles T. Colburn	Susan M. Myers	W	Textile worker	Grasmere	Somerville, Mass.
July 29	Peterborough	Robert C. Dufield	M	L	3 James L. Dufield	Dorothy A. Dutton	W	Laborer	Newport	Grasmere
Aug. 9	Peterborough	Robert C. Dufield	F	L	4 Waldo E. Palmer, Jr.	Janice R. Doucette	W	Farmer	Lincoln, Mass.	Waltham, Mass.
Nov. 14	Peterborough	Keturah A. Prest	F	L	4 Curtis A. Prest	Barbara W. Johnson	W	Draughtsman	Topsham, Me.	Brocklyn, N. Y.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1960

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1960								
Jan. 16	Walter Leaman Foote	Francestown	20	U. S. Sailor	Francestown	Clayton F. Foote	New Hampshire	Rev. George L. Niles
Manchester	Carol Ann Camire	Manchester	17	Nurses Aide	Manchester	Amy Blanchard	New Hampshire	Clergyman
Jan. 30	Gregory G. Robinson, Jr.	Francestown	17	Student	New Hampshire	Ralph Camire	New Hampshire	Manchester
Greenfield	Geraldine E. Rajaniemi	Peterborough	17	At home	Mass.	Bertha G. Robinson	New Hampshire	Anna M. Chute
March 20	Clifford B. Thompson	Belmont, Mass.	29	Carpenter	Mass.	Gregory E. Booth	New Hampshire	Justice of the Peace
Francestown	Shirley A. Meredith	Belmont, Mass.	27	Reg. Nurse	New Hampshire	Francis W. Rajaniemi	New Hampshire	Greenfield
June 4	Clayton F. Foote, Jr.	Francestown	22	U. S. Sailor	Francestown	Viola C. Grasmuck	New Hampshire	R. Franklin Mace
Manchester	Lorraine J. Jodoin	Manchester	19	Nurses Aide	Manchester	Bernard O. Thompson	Mass.	Justice of the Peace
July 20	Lawrence T. Bartlett, Jr.	New Canaan, Conn.	23	Social Director	Conn.	Emma F. Cooper	Pa.	Francestown
Nashua	Hope C. Bolles	Francestown	19	At home	Mass.	Mahlon E. Stover	New Hampshire	Rev. L. Bissonnette
July 30	Joseph P. G. Lessard	Keene	28	Teacher	New Hampshire	Lillian D. Clark	New Hampshire	Roman Catholic
Keene	Marjorie Ann Basset	Francestown	25	Teacher	New Hampshire	Clayton F. Foote, Sr.	New Hampshire	Manchester
Aug. 20	Richard A. Foote	Francestown	22	Lumberman	New Hampshire	Amy Blanchard	Vermont	Rev. Leo St. Pierre
Francestown	Marie Lee Yeaton	Weare	18	None	New Hampshire	Sylvio J. Jodoin	New Hampshire	Roman Catholic
Oct. 8	Loyal D. Wright	Glastonbury, Conn.	26	Manager Tr.	Mass.	Lawrence T. Bartlett	Illinois	Nashua
Francestown	Judith Cutter	Francestown	22	Secretary	New Hampshire	Clare E. Eaton	Minnesota	Fay L. Gemmell
Nov. 12	Thomas G. Kindred	Pittsburgh, Pa.	26	Engineer	Pennsylvania	Thomas D. Bolles	New York	Methodist Minister
Peterboro	Nancy V. Bowman	Francestown	22	Airline hostess	Ohio	Catherine V. Hope	New Hampshire	Keene
						Helen A. Charest	New Hampshire	William M. Kennedy
						William Basset	New Hampshire	Justice of the Peace
						Doris A. Cass	New Hampshire	Francestown
						Ernest F. Foote	New Hampshire	William M. Kennedy
						Clarissa A. M. Law	New Hampshire	Justice of the Peace
						Perley Yeaton	Vermont	Francestown
						Grace H. Magoon	Mass.	William M. Kennedy
						Donald M. Wright	Wisconsin	Justice of the Peace
						Lucia Durand	New Hampshire	Francestown
						Robert C. Cutter	New Hampshire	Rev. A. L. Kershaw
						Eleanor Gleason	Pennsylvania	Clergyman
						Charles F. Kindred	Pennsylvania	Peterborough
						Elizabeth Glenn	Illinois	
						Ford W. Bowman	New Jersey	
						Barbara Hoffman		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Franchestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1960

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Cond.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1960									
Jan. 15	Milford	Marion I. Vose	84	Portland, Me.	F	W	At home	Irving Blake	Myra A. Ward
Feb. 4	Peterborough	Louis LaFlotte	75	Canada	M	S	Woodsman	Unknown	Unknown
Feb. 16	Goffstown	Harriet E. Wilson	69	Lyndeboro	F	W	Home Maker	James Merrill	Harriet Tucker
Feb. 26	Milford	Annie S. Clark	94	Franchestown	F	S	Ret. School Teacher	Hiram P. Clark	Orissa A. Manahan
Mar. 30	Franchestown	Ida S. Lowe	89	Franchestown	F	W	Housewife	Levi Kidder	Ellen Parker
April 12	Franchestown	Arthur J. Miller	78	Lynn, Mass.	M	M	Farmer	Henry T. Miller	Lenna I. Hackett
June 5	Peterborough	Mary Ella Miller	79	Franchestown	F	W	Housewife	James T. Woodbury	Mary Ella Lufkin
July 9	Franchestown	Edward B. Hill	87	Cambridge, Mass.	M	W	Professor	Henry B. Hill	Grace E. Shephard
Aug. 5	Franchestown	Leon E. Hoyt	81	Stoneham, Mass.	M	M	Carpenter	Orlando Hoyt	Eva Bruce
Nov. 26	Goffstown	William A. Putnam	81	Franchestown	M	M	Lumber worker	Lell Putnam	Louise Colby

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator: Mr. Harry Varnum	Term Expires March 1961
Clerk: Mrs. C. Gladys St. John	March 1961
Treasurer: Mr. Gregory Robinson	June 30, 1961
Auditors: Mrs. Eleanor Cutter	March 1961
Mr. Frank Jones	March 1961

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Nina Abbott, Chairman	March 1961
Mrs. Winifred C. Hoyt, Secretary	March 1962
Dr. Louis Wiederhold	March 1963

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Kenneth A. Sargent, Wilton, N. H.

TEACHING STAFF 1960-61

Mr. Carl Shaw, Principal	Grades 6, 7, 8
Mrs. Grace Rainey	Grades 3, 4, 5
Mrs. Elinor Geel	Grades 1 & 2
Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	Music Supervisor

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Florence Merchant, R. N.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Louis Wiederhold, M. D.

TRUANT OFFICER

Mrs. C. Gladys St. John

CUSTODIAN

Mr. Howard Kiblin

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1960-61:

School opens Jan. 3, 1961; Closes Feb. 17

School opens Feb. 27; Closes April 21

School opens May 1; Closes June 16 (12:00 Noon)

Holiday: May 30

1961-62:

School opens Sept. 6, 1961; Closes Nov. 22 at Noon

School opens Nov. 27; Closes December 20

School opens Jan. 2, 1962; Closes Feb. 16

School opens Feb. 26; Closes April 20

School opens April 30; Closes June 15

Holiday: May 30

Number of School Days 180

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the tenth day of March 1961 at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275.00 to provide art instruction in the school or take any action relating thereto.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this third day of February, 1961.

NINA N. ABBOTT
WINNIFRED C. HOYT
LOUIS WIEDERHOLD
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NINA N. ABBOTT
WINNIFRED C. HOYT
LOUIS WIEDERHOLD
School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATED BUDGET

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1961 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended 1959-60	Budgeted 1960-61	Estimated Budget 1961-62
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$163 60	\$163 60	\$183 60
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	386 10	392 35	435 00
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	188 00	188 00	172 00
4. Salaries of Other Admn. Personnel	405 10	468 30	507 57
5. Supplies and Expenses	502 35	477 82	467 54
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	12,695 40	13,450 00	14,350 00
7. Textbooks & Other Instr. Aids	128 48	430 00	400 00
8. Scholars' Supplies	490 62	568 00	651 00
10. Other Instructional Expenses	50 54	164 00	97 00
C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salary of Custodian	949 97	1,000 00	1,075 00
12. Fuel or Heat	489 43	450 00	500 00
13. Water, Light & Other Expenses	592 57	445 00	514 00
D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements	234 44	268 00	368 00
E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	406 30	445 00	470 00
16. Transportation	2,600 00	2,650 00	2,609 00
17. Tuition: High School	6,801 44	7,480 00	9,135 00
Elementary			265 00
18. Special Activities		45 00	65 00
18a. School Lunch	609 00		600 00
F. FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Teacher Retirement & S. S.	653 31	641 41	686 00
20. Insurance, Bonds, Taxes & Exp.	507 24	555 65	563 16
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$28,777 60	\$30,277 13	\$34,113 87
G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
21. Land and New Buildings		500 00	
22. Additions & Improvements	428 00		
23. New Equipment	729 74	219 00	25 00
H. DEBT AND INTEREST:			
25. Payments on Principal	870 00	870 00	870 00
26. Payments of Interest	77 11	55 03	33 00
I. IN AND OUT ITEMS:			
27. Payment of In and Out Items	91 60		
Cash on Hand June 30, 1960	1,235 89		
Total Gross Payments for All Purposes	\$32,286 23		
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		\$31,926 16	\$35,041 87

	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED
J. INCOME OF DISTRICT:			
Balance on Hand June 30, 1959	\$2,281 95	Act. \$735 89	\$1,000 00
State Aids Building	261 00	Est. 234 90	261 00
Tuition: Elementary	1,800 00	Est. 1,834 00	2,385 00
Local Taxation	27,114 91		
Other Sources: School Lunch	537 02		500 00
Miscellaneous	199 75	110 00	105 00
In and Out Items	91 60		
Total Income of District	\$32,286 23	\$2,914 79	\$4,251 00
TOTAL ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT REQUIRED TO			
MEET SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET	\$27,114 91	\$29,011 37*	\$30,790 87
Balance on Hand June 30, 1960	1,235 89		
Reserved for Landscaping	500 00	*Per State Tax Com.	
ACTUAL CASH BALANCE TO BE APPLIED			
TO REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT	\$735 89		

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1960

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$163 60
2. Supt. of Schools (local share)	386 10
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	188 00
4. Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel	405 10
5. Supplies and Expenses	502 35

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries	12,695 40
7. Books & Other Instr. Aids	128 48
8. Scholars' Supplies	490 62
10. Supplies & Other Expenses	50 54

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Custodian	949 97
12. Fuel or Heat	489 43
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	592 57

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	234 44
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	406 30
16. Transportation	2,600 00
17. Tuition	6,801 44
18a. School Lunch	609 00

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	653 31
20. Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses	507 24

Total Net Current Expenses	\$28,777 60
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
22. Additions & Improvements to Bldgs	\$428 00
23. New Equipment	729 74

DEBT AND INTEREST:	
25. Principal of Debt	870 00
26. Interest on Debt	77 11

Total Net Payments for All Purposes	\$30,958 74
Cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1960	1,235 89
	<u>\$32,194 63</u>

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch & Special Milk	\$537 02
Other	199 75
	<u></u>
Total	\$736 77
State Aid: Building Aid	261 00
Local Taxation: Current Appropriation	\$27,114 91
Other Sources:	
Elementary Tuition	\$1,800 00
	<u></u>
Total Net receipts from all sources	\$29,912 68
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1959	\$2,281 95
	<u></u>
Grand Total Net Receipts	\$32,194 63

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET (ACTUAL) EXPENDITURES AND GROSS TRANSCATIONS

RECEIPTS

Total Net Income Plus Cash on Hand	
July 1, 1959	\$32,194 63
Receipts from Refunds, Double Payments, In and Out Items	91 60
	<u></u>
Total Gross Income	\$32,286 23

PAYMENTS

Total Net Payments Plus Cash on Hand	
June 30, 1960	\$32,194 63
Payments Refunded or Returned on Centralized Purchasing, In and Out Items	91 60
	<u></u>
Total Gross Payments	\$32,286 23

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:	
Cash on hand June 30, 1960	\$1,235 89
Total Assets	\$1,235 89
Net Debt	1,874 11
Grand Total	\$3,110 00

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Owed by District:	
Landscaping	\$500 00
Notes & Bonds Outstanding	2,610 00
Total Liabilities	\$3,110 00
Status of School Notes and Bonds:	
Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$3,480 00
Payments on Principal of Debt	870 00
Notes & Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$2,610 00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER Fiscal Year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1959	\$2,281 95
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$27,114 91
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	261 00
Federal Funds	736 77
Received from Tuitions	1,800 00
Received from all Other Sources	91 60
Total Receipts	\$30,004 28
Total Amount available for Fiscal Year	\$32,286 23
Less School Board Orders Paid	31,050 34
Balance on hand June 30, 1960	\$1,235 89

June 30, 1960

GREGORY G. ROBINSON
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Francestown of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and find them correct in all respects.

ELEANOR G. CUTTER

FRANK W. JONES

July 15, 1960

Auditors

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1960

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Eleanor G. Cutter, Auditor 1958 & 1959	\$10 00	
Gregory G. Robinson, Treasurer	30 00	
Louis Wiederhold, M.D., School Board Member	30 00	
Winnifred C. Hoyt, School Board Member	30 00	
Nina N. Abbott, School Board Secretary	60 00	
C. Gladys St. John, Clerk	3 60	
		\$163 60

2. Supt.'s Salary (local share):

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$386 10
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3. Tax for State Wide Supervision:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$188 00
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4. Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$386 10	
C. Gladys St. John, Census Enumerator and Trust Officer	19 00	
		\$405 10

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$358 85	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	85 10	
Gregory Robinson, Envelopes	10 00	
John Bean, petty cash	20 00	
Winnifred Hoyt, workshop, registration and mileage	10 00	
Nina Abbott, workshop, registration	10 00	
		\$502 35

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries:

John Bean	\$3,344	39	
Grace Rainey	3,278	82	
Elinor Geel	3,087	49	
Ethelyn G. Edwards	405	76	
Jeannette Collins, substitute	12	00	
Marion Hopkins, substitute	80	00	
Martha Colburn, substitute	24	00	
Supervisory Union No. 63, Insurance and Dues	151	50	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	249	00	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	211	55	
Director of Internal Revenue	1,401	73	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	449	16	
			\$12,695 40

7. Books and Other Instructional Aids:

Houghton Mifflin Co., Books	12	14	
Ginn and Co., Books	28	39	
L. W. Singer Co., Inc., Books	13	07	
Allyn and Bacon, Inc., Books	11	66	
Follett Publishing Co., Books	20	85	
Belwin, Inc., music books	7	20	
Summy-Birchard Pub. Co., music books	3	64	
Noble and Noble Publishers Co., books	2	01	
Scott, Foresman & Co., books	3	06	
WENH-TV, Channel 11, TV subject guides	5	00	
A. H. Rice Co., Inc., visual aids	6	00	
Supervisory Union No. 63, books	15	46	
			\$128 48

8. Scholars' Supplies:

Houghton Mifflin Co., supplies	\$41	40	
L. W. Singer Co., Inc., workbooks	14	59	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	46	89	
Charles E. Merrill, books	28	63	
J. E. Davidson, subscription instructor	5	00	
Readers' Digest Services, Inc.	2	18	
Cambosco Scientific Co.	34	58	
Milton Bradley Co.	28	49	
J. L. Hammett Co.	24	76	
American Edu. Pub., Weekly Readers	32	00	
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	1	03	
Elkay Distributing Co.	2	60	
Mainco Trading Co.	53	17	
Laidlaw Brothers	28	47	
The John C. Winston Co.	33	21	
G. H. Tilden Co.	1	25	
Junior Scholastic, subscriptions	27	60	
The Art Centre, brushes	2	17	

Richo Products, Inc., Blackboard cleaners	4 65	
William L. Nutting, Inc., flutes	14 00	
Joslin Hardware Co., dry cell batteries	2 50	
Pioneer Office Appli. Co., Mimeograph supplies	16 60	
Supervisory Union No. 63	44 85	
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		\$490 62

10. Supplies and Other Expenses:

J. L. Hammett Co., flags and diplomas	\$24 25	
Howard N. Chase, tuning pianos	18 10	
A. H. Rice Co., Inc., lamp for Projector	7 19	
WENH-TV, Channel 11, French Guide	1 00	
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		\$50 54

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Custodians:

Howard Kiblin, custodian	\$923 90	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	26 07	
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		\$949 97

12. Fuel and Heat:

Draper Fuel Co., Inc., oil	439 43	
Daniels' Garage, bottled gas	50 00	
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		\$489 43

13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses:

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$347 00	
Francestown Electric & Water Co.	29 18	
Central Paper Products Co., brooms, mops, etc.	22 29	
Joslin Hardware Co., brooms	5 18	
Peterborough Hardware Co., padlock	1 95	
Wilton School Dist., janitors' supplies	39 75	
F. H. Colburn & Co.	\$3 13	
Merrimack Farmers' Exch. Inc., Ivy spray	1 35	
Howard Kiblin, mowing playground	12 00	
Masury-Young Co.	13 65	
Allan H. Murray, deodorant	5 87	
Luxor Lighting Products, Inc., bulbs	82 77	
West Chemical Products, Inc.	28 45	
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		\$592 57

MAINTENANCE SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements:

Color Shop, paint	\$26 90	
Charles W. Abbott, window, bookcase, merry-go-round	94 56	
O. P. Harwood, sprinkler head, fountain trap, etc.	49 31	
Howard Kiblin, glass and labor	2 49	
Orvel B. Peirce Co., cleaning burner and parts	45 44	

Peterborough Hardware Co., Inc., sash cords	3 80	
Clarence H. Hagar, sharpening mower	2 50	
I. H. Vadney, wax	69	
Wilton School District, bulletin board and repair of chairs	8 75	
	<hr/>	\$234 44

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision:		
Florence Merchant, nurse	\$245 04	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	9 06	
Director of Internal Revenue	58 50	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	12 40	
Louis Widerhold, M.D. physical examinations	70 00	
The Village Pharmacy, supplies	11 30	
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16. Transportation:		
Arthur Lord	\$1,300 00	
Yvonne Creighton	1,193 20	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	106 80	
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17. Tuition:		
Peterborough School District	\$6,001 44	
Milford School District	800 00	
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18a. School Lunch and Special Milk:		
Francestown School Lunch	\$541 49	
Director of Internal Revenue	59 70	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	7 56	
Supervisory Union No. 63	25	
	<hr/>	\$609 00

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Teacher Retirement:		
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	\$450 34	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	200 11	
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare	2 86	
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20. Insurance, Bonds, Taxes & Expenses:		
Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$64 54	
Davis-Clark Insurance Agency	432 70	
N. H. School Bd. Association, Dues	10 00	
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

22. Additions & Improvements to Buildings:		
Charles W. Abbott, fire exit door and kitchen tile floor		428 00
23. New Equipment:		
The Monroe Co., 5 cafeteria tables	\$114 00	
Walter Creighton, freight on tables	13 94	
Cascade School Supplies, Inc., 9 desk units	153 00	
Paris Manufacturing Co., 6 folding chairs	24 30	
Sidney Doyle, adding machine	25 00	
Grade-Aid Corp., Science Table	399 50	
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		\$729 74

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Payments on Principal:		
Souhegan National Bank		870 00
26 Payment of Interest:		
Souhegan National Bank		77 11

IN AND OUT ITEMS:

27. To be Refunded:		
Director of Internal Revenue	35 20	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	53 40	
Allyn and Bacon, Book	3 00	
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		\$91 60

Total Gross Payments for All Purposes	\$31,050 34
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Respectfully submitted,

NINA N. ABBOTT

WINNIFRED C. HOYT

LOUIS WIEDERHOLD

School Board

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Obligations on Loan \$4,350.00, Dated August 5, 1957, Payable Souhegan National Bank, Milford, N. H. Rate 2½%.

Date Due	Principal	Interest	Balance
August 5, 1960	\$870 00	\$32 80	\$1,740 00
February 5, 1961		22 23	
August 5, 1961	870 00	21 88	870 00
February 5, 1962		11 12	
August 5, 1962	870 00	10 94	<hr/>

REPORT OF SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The summary below covers the receipts, expenditures, and balances of the School Lunch Program at Francestown for the fiscal year 1959-60.

Cash on Hand July 1, 1959	\$109 01
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Receipts:

Lunch Sales—Children	\$1,914 92	
Adults	121 00	
		\$2,035 92
Reimbursements		537 02
Miscellaneous		120 18
Total Receipts		\$2,693 12
Total Available		\$2,802 13

Expenditures:

Food	\$1,722 73	
Labor	996 07	
All Other	50 28	
Total Expenditures		\$2,769 08
Actual Cash Balance as of June 30, 1960		\$33 05
Estimated Value of Food on Hand as of 6/30/60		\$75 00

I certify that the above information is true and correct; that the cash balance has been determined by actual count and/or verification of checkbook balance; and that invoices and other pertinent records as required are on file to substantiate the School Lunch Program transactions.

June 30, 1960

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
Manager

STATISTICS ENDING JUNE 30, 1960

ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	8	10							18
Elementary			14	8					22
Grammar					13	10	7	6	36
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ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Attending Peterborough High School	16
Attending Milford High School	3
Attending New Boston High School	1
Attending Private Schools Outside the District	3

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses Per Pupil
Primary	17.1	15.9	93.1	1.4
Elementary	22.0	20.8	94.4	.7
Grammar	33.4	31.5	94.1	.3
Visits by Superintendent	51			

STATISTICS FOR FIRST TWENTY WEEKS 1960-1961

Census: (1 day to 18 yrs. incl.) Boys 72; Girls 49; Total	121
Attending Schools in Francestown	61
Attending Public Schools Outside the District	16
Attending Private Schools Outside the District	4

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	7	8							15
Elementary			7	13	6				26
Grammar						13	8	7	28
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ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	15.0	13.9	92.5
Elementary	26.0	24.3	93.5
Grammar	27.6	26.7	96.88

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education:

The following is a summary of the Health work completed by the School Nurse in the Francetown School from September 1959 to June 1960.

Number of visits made to School	19
Inspections (Nurse)	640
Students measured	210
Students weighed	650
Vision tests	70

Students are weighed each month and measured every three months.

Physical examinations made by Dr. Wiederhold showed the following defects:

Tonsils and Adenoids	3	Corrections made during the	
Nutrition	13	year:	
Ears	5	Eyes	2
Heart	1	Teeth	8

Children excluded from school for Communicable diseases:

Measles	12	Mumps	26
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First Aid was given to three children.

Pre-school Registration—Number examined 6

I wish to express my appreciation to the people who made the Health Program possible in the school, the Superintendent of Schools, School Doctor, Board of Education and the fine co-operation of Teachers and Parents.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE T. MERCHANT, R. N.
School Nurse

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Francestown:

I respectfully submit my fourth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTION

The Francestown School opened this fall with a single change in the full time teaching staff. Mr. Carl Shaw of Lyndeborough was elected to fill the position of Principal of the school and teach in grades six through eight. Mr. Shaw came to the Francestown School with many years of teaching experience; two years at Jonesport, Maine and five years at Wilton High School. Most of Mr. Shaw's experience has been in the field of Physical Education, English and Science. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Springfield College, in Massachusetts and has over twenty hours toward a Master's Degree in the field of Elementary Administration, at Boston University. Mrs. Rainey and Mrs. Geel continue in their elementary teaching positions, greatly enhancing the education of the children of the community because of their experiences in the previous year in the school. Mrs. Frank Jones was hired to teach music in the schools to replace Miss Ethelyn Edwards who had taught here for many years. This change was made because of the additional services that could be provided by Mrs. Jones over those that would have been available by continuing with Miss Edwards. The change has resulted in two periods of music a week where in the past only one was available. Mrs. Jones is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, a major in music and has added greatly to the musical program of the school because of her proximity and ready availability at all times. Mrs. Florence Merchant of Greenfield continues as School Nurse; Dr. Louis Wiederhold as School Doctor and Mrs. Gladys St. John as School Lunch Manager. Mr. Howard Kiblin continues to perform his duties in a more than satisfactory manner as school custodian.

The problem of finding good teachers for small town schools continues. This year there were no teachers in Francestown hired as a result of advertisements in newspapers, but several other communities again benefited by Union advertising procedures. A slight rearrangement of class groups was made necessary this year due to the numbers of children in the upper four grades, the fifth grade, which for many years has been downstairs in the upper room, was of necessity, housed in the middle room, making three grades in Mrs. Rainey's classroom. The teachers worked very cooperatively in handling this additional load at the middle room level, by having some classes meet with other teachers; Fifth Grade Science with Mr. Shaw, and Third

Grade Social Studies with Mrs. Geel. The staff is not entirely happy with this arrangement, they not only feel inadequate to properly educate the children, but find the teaching task an almost insurmountable one. The three-grade load for a single teacher is the sort of situation which encourages teachers to look elsewhere for other teaching positions. This occurs no matter how happy they may be in their teaching positions, how wonderful the children are, and how excellent the cooperation of the parents. Francetown is always going to be on the fringe of having difficulties in finding and holding teachers because of these multiple-grade-teaching assignments. Probably the only real solution to this problem can be found in some type of consolidation of elementary schools in the area which makes a large enough unit to provide a single grade for a single teacher. A real stable, steady, educational system cannot be developed until such an administrative unit becomes a reality.

Excellent progress is being made in the school due to the continuity of the teaching staff and the able leadership of Mr. Shaw. The television programs are a regular part of class instruction now, and these offerings will be expanded as the offerings are expanded. Days of outdoor education for the upper grades were provided during the latter part of last year and the early part of this year, through cooperation with Mr. Waldo Stone, Director of Camp Union in Greenfield, New Hampshire. This outdoor instruction, when followed up with various and sundry classroom activities, has been found to greatly stimulate the interest of children in the out-of-doors, and school activities.

The use of the Science Research Associates Elementary Reading Laboratory is doing much to improve the individual reading ability of children in grades four through eight. This individualized program puts children under pressure to read rapidly and also to read with full comprehension. The program is set up so that each child competes with himself and tries during each practice period to do better than he has done in his previous reading experience. All children in the room are reading on an individual basis at levels which they find to be most suitable to their individual skills and abilities.

The program in French which is being presented on television has been greatly improved through the voluntary efforts of Mrs. George Kunhardt, Jr. Mrs. Kunhardt has come into the classrooms and spent some time with the youngsters before and after classes, preparing and reviewing the French Lessons. The school is extremely fortunate to have someone in the town who speaks French so fluently and who is also willing to give her time for the benefit of children.

The P.T.A., which has long been interested in the improvement and expansion of instruction in the school, has made avail-

able the services of an Art teacher to the school on an experimental basis. Mrs. Jane Wright, of Milford, now visits the school once every two weeks and is carrying out an Art program which is showing up in many academic areas in the school. The P.T.A. should be complimented for their efforts in behalf of the education of children.

You will be pleased to know that a very careful analysis of annual Achievement Test results, shows that the Francestown children are making excellent academic progress when compared with children throughout the country. On the average, a year and three months of academic growth took place during the past school year. In addition, analysis shows that achievement, beyond that which could be expected from intelligence scores, has also taken place. A comparison with results tabulated in 1955 shows that today 13% more children are achieving above the normal for them, than was the case in 1955. These results show that real solid academic progress is being made in the education of your children.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Very few changes have been made in the school grounds during the past school year. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining the kind of grading work that was desired before the close of the last school year, and so an amount of five hundred dollars was carried over from last year's budget to this year's budget. Up to this time this money has still not been spent, but it is expected that it will be utilized between this time and the end of the present school year. It has been particularly gratifying to note that during the intervening year, still no change has taken place in the play area, showing that perhaps the water problem has finally been solved.

FINANCE

The School Board's Budget calls for a Total Appropriation of \$35,041.87. This is an increase over last year of \$3,120.71. Due to additional income being anticipated, the total assessment for school purposes is estimated to \$30,790.87, which is an increase over the assessment for the present school year, as approved by the Tax Commission, of \$1,779.50. The major part of these increases lies in two areas; First in Item No. 6, Teachers' Salaries, where an increase of \$900 is evidenced and secondly, in the area of tuition where an anticipated increase of \$1,920 is expected. The increase in tuition cost is a statutory obligation, and is brought about by the fact that high school tuition costs are increasing to the point where they now call for an expenditure of \$435. per pupil in 1961-62. In addition, more children are going on to high school, and staying. The increase in teachers' salaries is not a real indication of the difference between this present year and the coming year's actual salaries, because the

amount which was budgeted in 1960-61 was not the amount for which teachers could be hired for the present year. Another apparent increase in the budget appears to be in Item No. 18a School Lunch. This, however, is not a real increase, but is simply a different method of accounting for this item. It will be noted that in the area of Income of the District, under Item J, income for the school lunch program of \$500. is being estimated for the coming year. The estimated net cost of the School Lunch Program to the School District is \$100. This change in accounting is made at the request of the State Department of Education.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the School Board and the citizens of the community for the excellent cooperation which has always been received from them, resulting in the better education of children. It certainly is a joy to work with people who are so keenly interested in their schools and in the education of their children. Special thanks are in order for the teachers of the school for the diligent and conscientious manner in which they have applied themselves to their duties, resulting thereby in a quality of education for children which has not been matched in recent years. With such a spirit of devotion and interest and conscientiousness, it is no wonder that in spite of the difficulties of operating a small school, excellent education is being provided for the children.

KENNETH A. SARGENT
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

February 1, 1961

At the 1960 Francestown School District Meeting, the following article was adopted:

A motion by Franklin Mace and seconded that the School Board and a committee of three people appointed by the Moderator study the problems of transportation of pupils in two phases, (namely cost of transportation of high school pupils and all rural pupils in grades one through eight), and report at the next school meeting with an article in the warrant.

In compliance with this article, the Moderator appointed the following committee: Charles Eggert, Mrs. Edward Jones, and Franklin Mace. This committee has studied the problems connected with school transportation and the possible solutions to these problems.

The committee wishes to call your attention to the fact that changing conditions or changing attitudes may make desirable

changes in procedures. Although the committee does believe that certain procedures need to be changed because of current and anticipated conditions, we have no criticism to make of their original adoption.

The committee's goal is to present a plan for providing the best school transportation that is possible at the lowest possible cost, considering both current and future needs. An attempt has been made to reach a reasonable compromise of these factors and to formulate a plan that is flexible enough to apply to unforeseen or unexpected changes.

A study of current policies has disclosed a need for action in two areas:

1. Carrier contract terms and bidding procedures.
2. Transportation services to be supplied.

The committee is particularly concerned about the cost trend. The average cost per mile has increased from 20¢ in 1953, to 26.1¢ in 1959 and 30.7¢ in 1960.

State law requires that transportation be furnished for children living more than two miles from school. The bus route must be so arranged that the children will not have to travel more than one mile (one and one half miles with special permission) from their homes to the bus stop established for them. In Francestown the procedure in current use is to pick up at their doors, all children living beyond two miles, and further to supply transportation to other children along the bus route up to the capacity of the vehicle in use.

It has been customary for the carriers to operate under three year contracts. Mr. Lord's contract expired last year and was rewritten for the current year only. Mrs. Creighton's contract will expire at the end of the current year. The contracts specify that certain children will be picked up at their homes, delivered to school, and returned home from school. A fixed annual sum is paid for this service. The total amount for the current year is \$2,600. Mr. Lord transports the children to the south and Mrs. Creighton those to the north. All children living more than two miles from school are carried. Transportation of the Lyndeboro children is not provided by Francestown.

There is no provision in the contracts for changes that would be desirable because of variations in the location of families needing transportation except that changes can be made if both the carrier and the School Board agree. A family may move to or from an outlying district and drastically change the amount of necessary mileage or vehicle capacity. One of the major problems is the lack of flexibility in dealing with such changes since it is impossible to forecast with any accuracy these variations.

The committee recommends that the following procedures be adopted:

PART I. ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION

I. Contract Terms and Procedures.

- A. Bids should be requested on a rate per mile basis, with certain guaranteed mileage for the carrier. The School Board could then vary the route and stops as made necessary or desirable by the changing population and would pay only for miles driven.
- B. Bids should be requested on various size vehicles to get the most favorable over all cost and service and to provide the flexibility needed to cover anticipated and unanticipated changes.
- C. Bids should be requested on a one, two, and three year basis to allow potential carriers to indicate the term most suitable to their operation and consequently of lowest cost to the town. In any case, if more than one contract is let, all contracts should expire concurrently.

II. Service Provided.

- A. The committee recommends that instead of dooryard pickup and discharge, that the bus routes be confined to the main roads, and that the children be picked up, and discharged only at designated bus stops located at suitable points. This would result in considerably less route mileage and a considerable saving in time. Lower costs should result without undue inconvenience to the children. Shelters should be provided at the bus stops as needed. It would be possible for one carrier to do the entire job.
- B. The set limit of two miles for determining eligibility for transportation should be abandoned and the School Board instead should consider individual circumstances with primary reference to safety. At the present, a number of children are required to walk along the main roads for considerable distances. This is hazardous at all times and particularly when roads are slippery or restricted by snow banks. Specifically, the committee suggests that it would be appropriate to transport the children of the following additional families: Richard Cilley, Dutton, Charles Foster, Edward Jones, George Kunhardt, Norman Muzzey, Paige and Putnam.

The proposed route based on the known needs of 1961-62 would be as follows: to Muzzey corner via Greenfield Road-to Paige corner-to Dutton corner via Greenfield Road and Old County Road-to Abbott corner via Old County Road and Old Turnpike-to Foote driveway via Red House Road and New Boston Road-to school house via New Boston Road with a stop at Jones corner-to Hadley corner and return via the Bennington Road with stops at Hardwick and Foster

corners. The total trip mileage would be 14.6. 32 children would be carried. The total annual mileage would be 5260. (This compares with a current trip mileage of 23.5 and annual mileage of 8480). The total time required is approximately 40 minutes.

It is impossible to determine the exact transportation needs in advance, but the committee believes that the preceding plan would combine the necessary flexibility with adequate service and minimum cost.

The committee recommends that the School Board review the safety instructions given the carriers and the children to insure the adequacy of such instructions under current conditions.

PART II. SECONDARY TRANSPORTATION

We have interviewed the parents of all known high school students for the next year. The parents of twelve of the students have expressed concern over present transportation available. The parents mentioned the following problems:

1. Uncertainty and unreliability of individual carriers.
2. Concern about proper insurance coverage.
3. Safety problems created by inexperienced drivers and immature drivers particularly during periods of hazardous driving conditions.
4. Inability to exercise control of childrens' after school activities when no regular or scheduled transportation is available at the close of school.

The parents appeared to be willing to enter into an agreement to guarantee to pay a carrier up to \$2.50 per week per student for making available a ride to and from school from the Village center, the amount to be paid whether or not the service is used every day.

The committee recommends that the School Board be authorized to arrange for such service if a suitable carrier can be found and to guarantee such payment to the carrier from appropriated funds if the carrier finds some of the payments uncollectible. This is necessary to insure adequate payment to a carrier to make such a service available.

CHARLES EGGERT
SHIRLEY JONES
FRANKLIN MACE

